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## Goldring issues radio apology

Conservative MP Peter Goldring is apologizing to constituents in his riding after being charged with refusing a breathalyzer, Edmonton radio station CHED reported yesterday.

The Edmonton East MP was stopped on the city's north side Saturday night at a roving police check stop after attending his riding association Christmas party.

Goldring withdrew from the Conservative caucus on Monday, but said the situation is temporary, until the matter is resolved. He told the radio station he can't discuss what happened because it is before the courts.

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## Judge slams courtroom security

An Edmonton judge spoke out against security flaws in the courts yesterday.

John Rooke, associate chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, told reporters that security has been absent or inadequate since September despite pleas to the Solicitor General's department, which is contracted to provide sheriffs by Alberta Justice.

Rooke said the shortage is affecting the courts' power to conduct business and leaving witnesses at risk of intimidation while in court.

He said five Court of Queen's Bench criminal cases and one family court case were without a sheriff yesterday. **● METRO**



# Police exonerated in fatal shooting of teen

► Five-year EPS member acted in self-defence: ASIRT ► Officers were told by slain teen suspect: 'You are going to have to shoot me'



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A five-year veteran of the Edmonton police force has been cleared in the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old in February.

Cyrus Green was shot early on Feb. 4 after brandishing a four-inch knife and aluminum bat, and lunging at officers who had cornered him in an alley while responding to a complaint of a robbery and assault near the Coliseum LRT.

"He said words to the effect of, 'You are going to have to shoot me,'" Cliff Purvis of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) told reporters yesterday.

The officer shot Green three times in the chest, and the teen later died.

"I've concluded that his actions were justified and he was acting in self-defence," Purvis said of the officer.

Green was legally impaired by alcohol and had marijuana in his system.

Chief Rod Knecht re-

leased a statement yesterday lauding the officers' conduct.

"Today's ASIRT report confirmed what we believed all along — that our officers acted appropriately under very difficult, life-threatening circumstances," Knecht wrote.

Purvis said Green's sister and mother are "overwrought with grief."

"I don't think anything that the investigation would have uncovered would diminish that grief," he said.

### Tragedy

► EPS Chief Rod Knecht said that while he is "satisfied that this investigation has been resolved appropriately, it is nevertheless a tragedy that a young man has died."

► The uniformed officer involved in the shooting had been dispatched as backup in pursuit of three suspects after a complaint of a robbery and assault at the Coliseum LRT.

► Two young people face charges in the robbery.

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**Independent panel to study lines**

The Alberta government has appointed an independent panel to determine if two high-voltage transmission lines are needed.

The four-member panel will look at data and other factors relating to the two north-south lines and is to

report back by Feb. 10. Energy Minister Ted Morton says the panel will look at the impact on consumers versus the need for power in a growing province.

Brian Heidecker, former chairman of the University of Alberta's board of governors, will lead the group.

The two lines had been scheduled to go ahead until Premier Alison Redford ordered a review to determine their relevancy.

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**Teacher shows vulgar video**

An Alberta teacher who showed his Grade 7 class a controversial sexual harassment video is on personal leave, but is expected to return to the classroom in January.

The workplace sexual harassment video was shown to the class as part of a three-part series on racism, discrimination and sexual harassment at W.D.

Cutts junior high school in St. Albert, which is north of Edmonton.

The video — which is on YouTube and can only be accessed by those 18 and over — turned out to be a parody that contained overt sexual references and vulgar language. Many parents said the video was not appropriate for the 11 and 12 year olds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Saskatchewan helps Alberta keep pest out**

Saskatchewan is helping its western neighbour in an effort to keep a voracious bug out of its own backyard.

The province is putting up \$150,000 to help control the mountain pine beetle outbreak in Alberta and to prevent its spread

into Saskatchewan's northern forest.

The money is intended for enhanced monitoring, aggressive removal of infested trees and research.

The beetle outbreak has killed almost 70 per cent of British Columbia's lodgepole pine forests and spread halfway across Alberta.

Alberta has spent \$300 million in the last seven years fighting the tiny pests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Final batch of Timbits home from Afghanistan**

► Tim Hortons location in Kandahar opened in 2006 and shut last month  
► Boxes of Timbits baked as souvenirs 'going to be framed somehow'



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After the Tim Hortons in Kandahar, Afghanistan shut down on Nov. 29 at 9 p.m., those who had been working there decided to bake up a souvenir.

The last batch of Timbits ever made there landed at the Edmonton International Airport yesterday on a flight bringing not only soldiers home, but also many civilians who staffed the store.

"Tim Hortons was the part that truly provided a taste of home for them," said Bill Pigden, manager of the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Programs Division, which operated the outlet.

Pigden said after the store was shut down, workers went back in and produced the last Timbits at 11 p.m.

They were frozen for a month and arrived in two boxes yesterday, signed by soldiers.

Upon arrival in Edmonton, they were passed off to Jim Peverley, director of deployment support with Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services.

"We're going to frame it somehow," he said.

Mike Lukacs, deployed



► Master Cpl. Richard Fraser, left, and Cpl. Steven Baker enjoy a cup of coffee after arriving at the Edmonton International Airport yesterday — on the same flight as the last batch of Timbits to be made at the Kandahar Tim Hortons.

in June, was all smiles arriving home in the snow.

"I take Tim Hortons for granted when I'm in Canada," he said. "Having it there was like a taste of home. It was very important for us."

"And I'm a military policeman, so you can imagine how important coffee and donuts are."

**Taste of home**

► More than 2.5 million customers from 37 different countries made orders at the store between July 1, 2006 and Nov. 29, 2011.

► More than 230 Canadians made the trip to work at the Kandahar Tim Hortons, supporting 30,000 Cana-

an Forces members over 11 rotations.

► Four million cups of coffee were served, three million donuts, and half a million iced capps and bagels.

► The Canadian Forces Personnel Support Programs Division also ran a barber shop, fitness centre and more in Kandahar.

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## Premier to disclose expenses; denies any salary top-ups

Alberta Premier Alison Redford is promising to release details on expense money she gets from her party, but is deflecting opposition questions on any cash that would top up her salary.

She says it's irrelevant because she's not getting any money.

"I have repeatedly said in this house, last week, this week, (and) in a press availability yesterday I'm receiving no such payments," Redford said yesterday during question period.

"There is no information for me to be disclosing, because there is no information that I have."

Liberal critic Hugh MacDonald said Redford must come clean on whether she'll disclose any extra party money if it comes her way.

"Why does the premier feel it's necessary to hide the details of the leader's benefit plan trust from taxpayers?" he asked.

Political scientist Duane Bratt said the issue is not as clear-cut as the Liberals would like to make it.

Reimbursing leaders for party activities is common, he said in an inter-



► Premier Alison Redford is facing criticism over pay disclosures from the PC party of Alberta.

view.

Bratt added it's justifiable compensation for their efforts and not one that necessarily needs to be made public.

"This is just about hammering and trying to embarrass a political leader."

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### Salary top-up?

► Political scientist Keith Brownsey agreed the payments are not unusual, but suggested they leave the government open to criticism when unnamed sources appear to be topping up a premier's salary by an unknown amount.

## Mountie facing obstruction charge

- Officer up on criminal charge related to a civil trial testimony: ASIRT
- 23-year veteran suspended with pay pending legal proceedings



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The probe into a Red Deer RCMP officer's actions during a civil case in an Edmonton courtroom has landed the veteran Mountie before the courts on a criminal charge.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team's Cliff Purvis said yesterday Sgt. Richard Graydon faces one obstruction count related to testimony during a civil case last fall.

"The incident involved a police officer testifying in Edmonton on a civil proceeding on Sept. 21, 2010," said Purvis.

The judge chastised Graydon for refusing to hand over his notebook after being cross-examined at a trial involving a \$600,000 lawsuit against him.

He left the courtroom with it, claiming he was protecting sources within its pages.

"I have determined criminal charges are warranted in all of the circumstances," said Purvis.

The original suit

### Case history

- Sgt. Richard Graydon, a 23-year member of the RCMP, faces one count of obstruction and is set to appear in court Jan. 13.
- The charge is related to a civil case testimony Sept. 21, 2010, when Graydon refused to hand over his notebook, claiming he was protecting his informants.
- The lawsuit he was testifying in involved a St. Paul farmer, who sued Graydon for \$600,000, claiming the officer shot him in April 1999. The two sides settled mid-trial.
- Following that, the RCMP reported the incident to ASIRT on Sept. 30.

stemmed from a 1999 traffic stop when then-71-year-old farmer Peter Larsen alleged Graydon shot him.

Purvis said the charge was filed against Graydon on Monday, and he was released on a promise to appear in an Edmonton court on Jan. 13, 2012.

RCMP Sgt. Tim Taniguchi said Graydon has been suspended with pay.



► Cliff Purvis of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team speaks to reporters yesterday.

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► Vader

### Missing couple suspect seeks sentence reduction

**CHARGES.** Travis Vader, who has been identified as the sole suspect in the disappearance of Lyle and Marie McCann, is seeking a sentence reduction for

unrelated charges, for claims of mistreatment.

Vader, who was convicted on various offences Oct. 12, said yesterday he has suffered "daily torment" at the Edmonton Remand Centre for being accused in relation to "that old couple."

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### Explosion kills Sylvan senior

**BURN INJURIES.** RCMP said yesterday a man injured in a house explosion and fire southwest of Sylvan Lake Monday afternoon has died.

The lone resident of the home — a 66-year-old male who has not been identified — suffered serious burns and was airlifted to a Calgary hospital.

He died shortly after 4 a.m. yesterday, said police. ● METRO

### Man charged in common-law spouse's murder

**CUSTODY.** A 41-year-old Bonnyville man faces murder charges in the death of his common-law wife, RCMP said yesterday. Investigators ruled the woman's cause of death was injuries from a physical assault.

Christopher Daniel McCallum has been charged with second-degree murder. He remains in custody and was to appear yesterday at Bonnyville Provincial Court.

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# Take a walk through Bethlehem

► Original story of the birth of Christ recreated this weekend at West Edmonton Christian Assembly for second year ► Organizers expecting 25,000 people to attend — more than double last year's attendance



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Walking through the marketplace in the Town of Bethlehem would require travelling back in time.

But with live goats and flocks of sheep, vendors selling bread, candles, cloth and birdcages, and others creating pottery and crushing olives and grapes — the scene at the West Edmonton Christian Assembly this weekend is as real as it gets.

There are even wise-men and a live manger scene.

"The original story is lost," said David Wood, Bethlehem Walk executive producer. "We need to tell the story."

## Taking the walk

► Admission to the walk is free with a non-perishable donation to the Edmonton Food Bank.

► Dates the public can take the walk include Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Dec. 12 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

► The West Edmonton Christian Assembly is located at 6315 199 St. For more information, contact 780-489-2579.

The marketplace in Bethlehem has been recreated in the 11,640 square foot gymnasium at the fa-

cility for the second time.

Last year, 13,400 people took the walk. Organizers are expecting up to 25,000 this year over four days.

Collette Smith, going by the Hebrew name Minda, was folding and "selling" cloth in the marketplace when it was unveiled yesterday.

"People have heard the story of the birth of Christ," said Smith. "But in our modern minds we can't picture it."

"This makes it more real."

And that's just the idea, said Wood.

"(But) all we're here to do is ... to tell a story and let people experience the first Christmas the way it was 2,000 years ago," he said.



► Vendor Nicole Mastelero, left, offers up bread at Dead Sea Pals booth in the marketplace at the West Edmonton Christian Assembly yesterday. The Bethlehem Walk opens to the public tomorrow.

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## Snoopy pharmacist fined \$15K for privacy breach

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A former Edmonton pharmacist has been fined \$15,000 after admitting she snooped through the health files of several people.

The office of the privacy commissioner says Marianne Songgadan was charged after the office received a complaint from a woman in August 2010.

The woman said the pharmacist had used Alberta's electronic health records to get information about her.

She also said details about a prescription drug she had taken were posted on Facebook.

Three other women came forward after the initial allegations to complain about the same pharmacist.

An audit by the privacy office found the health information of eight other individuals had been compromised.

Privacy commissioner Frank Work says it was a serious violation of the Health Information Act.

"Snooping through



► A former Edmonton pharmacist is facing fines after snooping through health files and even posting details about a woman's prescription drug on Facebook.

health information for personal purposes will not be tolerated and there will be prosecution," he said in a release yesterday.

Songgadan was charged in April with 11 counts of knowingly obtaining or attempting to obtain health information in contravention of the Health Information Act.

She pleaded guilty to a single charge on Monday.

Songgadan has apologized to the complainants.

The original complainant also went to the Alberta College of Pharmacists, which ruled that Songgadan's actions were unprofessional. She was fined \$4,000 and suspended.


She is currently licensed and practising in Ontario.

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# Soviets charted our Arctic seas

- Cold War fears confirmed: Subs patrolled the North
- Their maps were more detailed than Canadian ones

Shades of Red October.

Cold-War-era nautical charts appear to support the widely held belief that Soviet nuclear submarines routinely patrolled the Canadian Arctic during the Cold War.

What's more, the charts are still in use by Russian vessels because they are more detailed than Canadian ones.

"I can't help but think back to The Hunt For Red October, where Sean Connery plays the captain of a Soviet nuclear missile submarine and relies on the accuracy of Soviet charts to avoid a torpedo that's been shot at his ship," said Arctic expert Michael By-

## 300

**"At the current rate of charting, it will take 300 years for the Canadian Hydrographic Service to bring all our charts for the Canadian archipelago to world standards," said Michael Byers.**

ers. "These charts indicate that the Soviets were in fact that competent."

Photos of the charts, seen by The Canadian Press, suggest Russian mariners have for decades possessed detailed knowledge of crucial internal wa-

terways such as the Northwest Passage.

The charts, covering strategic Arctic waterways, appear to be clearly marked with Soviet insignia, including the red star and the hammer and sickle.

Byers said: "The Soviet navy was extremely capable and also was willing to take considerable risk."

"Sending submarines into the Canadian archipelago, which was heavily monitored by NATO, thousands of miles away from Soviet assistance, was a perilous thing to do."

"It was a phenomenal accomplishment."

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## Halifax. Devastation



► Pipe sergeant Barb Stewart walks toward the Fort Needham Memorial Bell Tower in Halifax before yesterday's ceremony.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

## Horrific explosion remembered

A sombre ceremony marked the 94th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion yesterday. Around 2,000 people were killed and nearly 9,000 injured in the disaster, which happened when a ship loaded with wartime explosives collided with another in Halifax Harbour. A large part of north-end Halifax and neighbouring Dartmouth was devastated.

## An app for Ronnie Mac

Ronald McDonald House has launched Kidscape on iTunes, an app made by kids to help kids.

It's a gaming app featuring images drawn by kids staying at Ronald McDonald Houses — for families of kids being treated at area hospitals.

App prices: Kidscape City for \$0.99, Kidscape Farm for \$4.99 and Kidscape Space for \$19.99.

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## Issue won't go away

Stephen Harper heads to the White House today to unveil a long-awaited border security agreement with U.S. President Barack Obama.

But the fate of the \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline is sure to be discussed at some point.

The project was shelved at least temporarily by the Obama administration a month ago.

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## Women mourn massacre victims; Tories not welcome

Hundreds of women gathered on Parliament Hill yesterday to mark the slaying of 14 women in Montreal 22 years ago.

They are angry with the Harper government over its decision to abolish the long-gun registry.

Conservatives were not invited to the event.

Gun control advocate Wendy Cukier said the Dec. 6 anniversary of the

**"We have to stand together like today, bravely, against a government that is turning back the clock on women's rights."**

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mass shooting at the École Polytechnique has a dual

meaning. "More than ever before, we must mourn but we must also work for change," she told the crowd, many waving placards with "Save the gun registry" slogans.

Friends and relatives of the slain women placed roses into an urn and posters bearing their smiling faces were held aloft by the crowd.

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## Students to be occupied

Occupy demonstrations will be the focal point of a new university course being offered in Calgary.

Starting in January, Mount Royal University assistant professor Roberta Lexier will begin teaching the Occupy Wall Street course.

"It really demonstrates that the issues we are dealing (with) in our world are not simple," she said.

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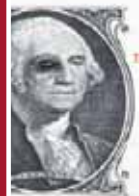
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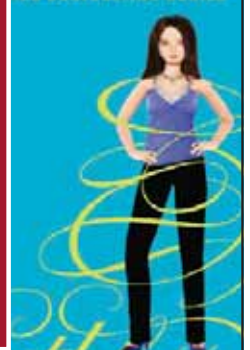


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## News in brief

## Police recover 2 stolen dogs

Police say two of four British bulldog puppies stolen from an Ajax, Ont., store have been recovered. Police say someone forced their way into The Puppy Store early Monday and made off with the four puppies.

Investigators located one of the pups — valued at \$2,000 each — for sale on the Internet website Kijiji. That led to the arrest of two people and the recovery of one puppy. A second puppy was found during a raid on an Ajax home.

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## Mayor missing in Arctic

Search teams are still looking for the mayor of

an Arctic hamlet who hasn't been seen since he went caribou hunting alone 10 days ago.

Jamesie Kootoo, who is 67, is both mayor and coroner for the Baffin Island community of Kimmirut in Nunavut.

Kootoo is an experienced hunter and has been missing before — the last time he had a fractured pelvis and still survived.

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## Man dies in bike crash

Authorities say an 18-year-old Washington state man is dead after he crashed his motorcycle a half-hour after passing his motorcycle-licence test.

Bellingham police spokesman Mark Young says David Swift had just passed a car and was waving on his brother when he lost control, hit a curb and slid.

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## Search for E.T. is back on

► News of 'Earth's twin' has science world excited ► Kepler-22b could support life ► NASA has reported 54 potential Earth-like candidates

The first confirmed planet that could be "Earth's twin" seems to have a lot going for it.

It apparently has a comfy 21 C surface temperature, a rocky surface, an ocean, a sun to orbit and a position smack in the middle of the habitable "Goldilocks" zone in relation to that sun (neither too hot nor too cold).

All this is sheer scientific speculation about the planet called Kepler-22b, but it's enough to make NASA celebrate.

"This is a major milestone on the road to finding Earth's twin," said Douglas Hudgins, Kepler program scientist at NASA's Washington headquarters.

"I think there are two things that are really exciting about Kepler-22b," said



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**"The tremendous growth in the number of Earth-size candidates tells us that we're honing in on the planets Kepler was designed to detect: those that are not only Earth-size, but also are potentially habitable."**

**NATALIE BATALHA, DEPUTY SCIENCE TEAM LEADER AT NASA'S AMES RESEARCH CENTER**

Natalie Batalha, the deputy science team leader at NASA's Ames Research Center. "One is that it's right in the middle of this habitable zone."

"The second thing that's really exciting is it's orbiting a star very, very

similar to our own sun. This is a solar analogue, almost a solar twin, very similar to our own sun and you've got a planet 2.4 times the size of the Earth right smack in the habitable zone."

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# Congo postpones election results

- Final tally delayed by 48 hours
- President's mandate extended
- Americans told to stay home amidst fears of violence

Congo — and its mishap-scarred election — was in limbo yesterday.

Officials announced a 48-hour delay in the publication of election results from last week's disputed presidential ballot.

The government dispatched helicopters to the remote corners of the country to pick up missing tally sheets.

And the clock stopped on Joseph Kabila's presidency.

The threat of unrest hung over the troubled capital, Kinshasa, and international airlines cancelled their flights amid fears over violence.

The U.S. Embassy ordered staff and their fami-

lies not to leave their homes.

The American School of Kinshasa will be closed.

The 48-hour delay was all but inevitable following an election that was marred by massive technical glitches.

Some ballots didn't reach polling stations until three days after the vote was supposed to take place.

And even though it was clear that the election commission was not prepared for last week's ballot, the government rushed ahead with the election because the president's five-year term was to set expire at midnight last night.

The 48-hour delay means Kabila will be stay-



► Police form a barricade outside the U.S. Consulate in Toronto yesterday behind people protesting Congo's botched election. Three people were arrested during the protest.

ing in office past his legal mandate — and analysts worry the country could slide into a situation of unconstitutional power.

"As we haven't yet been able to receive the tally sheets from all 60,000 polling stations in the country, we decided to

push back the publication by 48 hours," said Matthieu Mpita of the National Independent Electoral Commission.

"It was our objective to make the deadline," he said, "but we need all the elements."

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# Bomb kills 56 in Kabul

► Suicide bomber strikes crowd of Shiite worshippers in Afghan capital  
► 4 more dead in Mazar-e-Sharif

In Afghanistan's first major sectarian assault since the fall of the Taliban regime a decade ago, a suicide bomber slaughtered 56 Shiite worshippers and wounded more than 160 others yesterday outside a Shiite shrine in the capital.

The Taliban condemned the attack, which was reminiscent of the wave of sectarian bloodshed that shook Iraq during the

height of the war there. Suspicion centred on militant groups based in neighbouring Pakistan, where Sunni attacks on minority Shiites are common.

A man who claimed to be from Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a Pakistan-based group that has carried out attacks against Shiite Muslims, called media outlets in Pakistan to claim responsibility. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Relatives attempt to comfort an Afghan man outside of a hospital in Kabul yesterday.

Pro. Kremlin



► A member of the pro-Kremlin youth movement Stal (Steel) wearing a Darth Vader mask participates in a rally in downtown Moscow yesterday. At least 250 people were detained by police.

## Youth storm Moscow

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday he's satisfied with the performance of his party in Russia's parliamentary election even though it lost a significant number of seats, adding that a drop in support is "inevitable" for any ruling party. The statement came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton again criticized the election.

## Radiation found in Japanese baby food

Traces of radiation spilled from Japan's hobbled nuclear plant were detected in baby formula yesterday in the latest case of contaminated food in the nation.

Major food and candy maker Meiji Co. said it was recalling canned powdered milk for infants, with experi-

**31** The levels of cesium-134 and cesium-137 in the milk were up to 31 becquerels per kilogram, which is below the government limit of 200 becquerels per kilogram for milk.

ration dates of October 2012, as a precaution.

The levels of radioactive cesium were below government-set safety limits, and Meiji said the amounts were low enough not to have any effect on babies' health. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Santa promising less in poor economy

► Those playing the jolly bearded one during the holidays are hearing more from kids about tough times

A job for their mom or dad. Money for the heating bill. Food or a place to live. Maybe gloves or boots.

More and more, Santas say the children on their laps are asking for less — and Santa is promising less as well.

With unemployment in the U.S. stubbornly high, more homes in foreclosure and the economic outlook dim, many children who visit Santa are all too

aware of the struggle to make ends meet.

"These children understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff. They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or thoughtful of them as well and not ask for 10 to 12 items," said Richard Holden, a 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C.

Cliff Snider, who's been

playing Santa since he was a teenager, agrees.

"I think the parents are saying, 'It's an economic thing. Just list two to three things you really want to have,'" he said. "Parents are trying to encourage the children to be thrifty."

"Families are teaching their children to be as much of a giver as a receiver," said Tom Valent, dean of the Howard Santa school in Midland, Mich., which gets more than 3,000 letters to Santa a year and just graduated its 75th class.

Texan mother Starlight Fonseca has been teaching her five children, ages 5 to 14, "that we're not the only ones who have to cut things back. We're not the only ones struggling."

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► Santa Claus gets a kiss on the cheek from Bella Champion, 3, during a Christmas photo shoot at the Beach Shack in Emerald Isle, N.C.

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# Privacy czar warns online advertisers

Online advertisers who balk at following new guidelines for collecting the personal information of web users could become targets of enforcement, Canada's privacy czar said yesterday.

Releasing the guidance document, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said Internet users should have the clear choice to say no to being tracked.

"We want people to un-

derstand what is going on before their personal information is collected," Stoddart said.

"If we see troubling trends, we will take enforcement action."

At their heart, Stoddart said, the guidelines are aimed at promoting trust among consumers, which means respecting privacy rights when it comes to collecting personal information.



► Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart

Many Canadians simply don't know they are being tracked as they browse the web, she said.

"Our daily online roaming leaves an expansive trail of digital breadcrumbs that are scooped up, analyzed and amalgamated into profiles so that companies can try to sell us more of their goods and services," Stoddart told an advertising-industry conference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## New guidelines

- Users must be able to give meaningful consent to being tracked before or at the time their data is collected.
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## Canada Post survey finds holiday cheer is all in the cards

A survey for Canada Post suggests physical greeting cards are still a favourite Canadian holiday tradition.

Overall, the Harris/Decima survey of around 1,000 Canadian adults found that 75 per cent of respondents plan to send an average of 20 cards this year, compared to 80 per cent sending 19 cards in 2010. And it suggests 87 per

cent of Canadians between 18 and 24 prefer receiving holiday cards in the mail.

About two-thirds of them say a physical card is much more meaningful than an electronic alternative.

However, Canadians between 35 and 44 admitted that they would most likely send cards electronically, mainly due to lack of time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# BAH, HUMBUG? BLAME DICKENS FOR CHRISTMAS

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Yikes! It's only the first week of December and I'm already suffering from an overdose of yule. Barely a minute goes by before some company, be it Mercedes Benz or Victoria's Secret, tries to twist my Christmas goodwill into cash at the till. Santa Claus is more common than the cold, and any turkey that survived Thanksgiving is sure to be done like dinner by Dec. 25.

I blame Charles Dickens, who turns 200 not long after Christmas — Feb. 7, 2012, to be precise. Well, actually he's dead and has been since 1870. But the man who wrote A Christmas Carol is no less responsible for Christmas as we know it.

As you know, as it's impossible to avoid, A Christmas Carol is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable old fart who sees the error of his ways thanks to being haunted by three very memorable ghosts on Christmas Eve, and

becomes an improbably wonderful, kind, generous friend to all, especially to Tiny Tim, his clerk's frail little son.

Historians believe Christmas is largely the result of a mid-Victorian revival prompted by A Christmas Carol. Dickens reintroduced warmth into what had become mainly a religious holiday by immortalizing

family feasts, greeting cards, seasonal food and drink, fun and games, and an SUV under every tree.

Even though it was published in 1843, A Christmas Carol is not going away soon. There are 200 million copies in print. It's been made into a movie at least 20 times, the most recent being the 2009 Disney 3-D version starring Jim Carey as Scrooge.

We are bombarded by the imagery and iconography of this Dickensian Christmas. Holly, yule logs, crackling fires (where would we be without the 24-7 fireplace channel on cable?), gift giving, carols and the like have been co-opted into an orgy of commercial excess that now begins on or about Halloween, another festival with pagan roots that's completely out of control.

If we don't spend more to achieve the perfect Dickensian Christmas this year than we did last year, business commentators scold us for lacking consumer confidence and the market drops.

I suspect that Dickens, if confronted with this spectacle, would exclaim, "Bah, humbug" in his best Scrooge, and storm off into the night. After all, despite the vast sums made from the conversion of Scrooge, Dickens only ever saw profits that would equate to a mere \$138,275.10 today.

Of course he was the first to try and cash in, writing a Christmas piece in every subsequent year and featuring Scrooge at many of his profitable public readings.

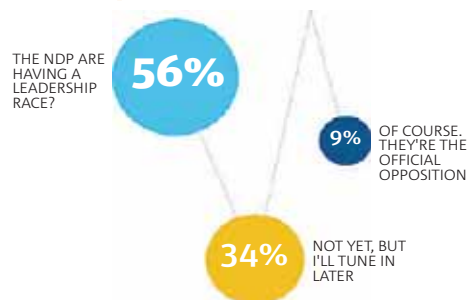
He may have been the first, but he won't be the last. God bless us, everyone.

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► **@lxbeams:** It's snowing big fluffy flakes in #yeg right now and I feel like I'm in a

snow globe :)

► **@JenHolyCow:** Well the snow is coming down now in #yeg! Should be a fun school run!

► **@angiegooley:** Difficult to not take a nap when the street lights are on in #yeg at 2pm!

► **@mbabe29:** #yeg is doing something weird outside. Rainy fog? Foggy rain? Microscopic snow? Actual snow?

► **@navagale:** Smokers @ the lrt. Gross. #yegtransit #yeg

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## Daily Zoom

# Florida crocs make a comeback



## A tale of two forces

A wildlife biologist holds a small crocodile that will be released into one of the cooling canals adjacent to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Homestead, Fla.

An unexpected but fruitful relationship has blossomed between the American crocodile and the nuclear power plant.

The crocodile-monitoring program began in 1978, a year after employ-

ees stumbled upon a crocodile nest in the plant's cooling canal system. It turns out that Florida Power and Light was building prime croc habitat just as virtually every other developer was paving it over.

Wildlife officials give the state's largest public utility part of the credit for a five-fold increase in the species' population in Florida.

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**8 Wildlife biologists use an Avid Microchip Scanner to scan the stomach of a small crocodile. Microchips are used as a reference ID, much like a thumb print, to scan the captured animal, as well as to track any animal that falls prey to others as a result of cannibalism. Biologists said one crocodile was found with eight chips inside its belly.**

## Endangered

A wildlife biologist measures a small crocodile.

► South Florida's rampant development eroded the crocodile's habitat over decades of booming growth. By the 1970s, there were less than 300 in the state. The federal government had classified the species as endangered, meaning it was in danger of becoming extinct.



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Rango, Rio, Puss, Tintin earn Annie nominations for best animated film

# Big screen milestones

► Efron celebrates sharing a movie kiss with Michelle Pfeiffer ► They star in New Year's Eve

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While New Year's Eve isn't the first time Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron have crossed paths on screen — they had a few choice scenes in 2007's *Hairspray* — it does mark an important milestone in their professional relationship, at least as far as Efron is concerned.

"I met Michelle a few years ago, during *Hairspray*, and had a huge crush on her — always, from day one. Back then I was very, very young and very bashful, and just around her I tended to put my foot in my mouth a lot. I didn't really know what to say to her, and everything just came out wrong," Efron remembers.

"I didn't know what to do. I was very shy. But then I got to talk on the phone with her about this part, I remember. And she said, 'I think we should take this to the next level. We should really push it. Let's get a kiss in there.' And I was like, 'I'm in! I'm in this movie, sign me up. Let's do it.'"

In the film, another ro-



► Zac Efron and Michelle Pfeiffer star in the romantic comedy *New Year's Eve*.

mantic comedy omnibus in the style of Valentine's Day from director Gary Marshall, Pfeiffer stars as Ingrid, a mild-mannered office drone brought out of her shell by Efron's brash bike messenger heart throb Steve.

"I'm the envy of every girl across the planet, I

think. I got a kiss in there with Zac Efron. Pretty clever of me, at the ripe old age of 53," Pfeiffer says.

Efron is the eternal optimist, though, despite having to battle the elements during filming.

"On the plus side, it was basically us snuggling very close. So it was kind of

nice," he says of the frigid conditions.

"I felt very comforted." For Efron, the biggest challenge in the film arose when it came time to finally get that kiss with Pfeiffer.

"I remember I was in my hotel room the night before, imagining how I

was going to kiss her, and it was awesome. I was the man in every way," he says.

"And then I went to execute on the day, and right when I got to the crucial moment a huge piece of confetti flew right into my mouth."

Better luck next year.

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# Sitting through a familiar film

▶ Another babysitter film finds Jonah Hill at the centre of its wacky hijinks ▶ Please pass the child-proof aspirin

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Wikipedia says "babysitting is commonly performed as an odd job by teenagers for extra money." While that is undoubtedly the stereotype, the movies have shown us that babysitters come in all shapes and sizes.

This weekend Jonah Hill plays an irresponsible college student who reluctantly looks after his neighbour's wild kids. How wild is it? Well, let's put it this way; I don't think Nanny McPhee had a "red band" trailer.



▶ Jonah Hill, right, stars in the latest incarnation of a babysitter movie.

If it sounds familiar, it should. Twenty-four years ago babysitter Elisabeth Shue led her young charges through the streets of Chicago in Adventures in Babysitting. At one point they end up on a nightclub stage. The leader of the house band, played by blues legend Albert Collins, says, "No-body leaves this place

without singing the blues."

After an awkward pause she improvises the Babysitting Blues.

"It's so hard babysitting these guys," she sings. "And they should be in bed," replies the guitar player over a classic blues-rock riff.

It's a fantasy, but then again, babysitters have of-

ten been the subjects of fantasy. Mary Poppins is a mythical character, a "practically perfect in every way" nanny who knows how to do the right thing in every situation. Kind of like a Victoria Age Super Nanny. In The Babysitter, however, Alicia Silverstone was a much different kind of fantasy child-minder.

This 1995 thriller about a babysitter who becomes the object of obsession for not only the young boys she looks after but for their father as well, is more chilling than titillating. The ads hinted at some nudity from star Silverstone, but in reality she refused to do the film unless the nude scenes were removed.

The most lovable movie minder has to be John Candy as Uncle Buck. Even though he pretends to be capable of mutilation with power tools, he's less violent than Rebecca De Mornay in The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, manlier than Robin Williams in Mrs. Doubtfire and more alive than all the babysitters in Hallloween.

In the movie's most famous scene he answers a barrage of questions from his nephew, played by Macaulay Culkin.

On the day of filming the younger actor couldn't remember all the questions, so Candy wrote them out and hid them where Culkin could read them.

Now that's something a great babysitter would do.



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## Hollywood not black and white

▶ Cromwell talks about new film and his dislike of 24



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A breathless reverence creeps into veteran actor James Cromwell's voice when he discusses The Artist, his silent film from French director Michel Hazanavicius that's earning rave reviews from festival audiences around the world — and generating Oscar buzz. But when it comes to his work on 24 he's far less affectionate — and he doesn't mince words.

**This is a very unique project. What was your initial reaction to it?**

I don't particularly like homage films if they throw it in your face. I like it if it's as subtly done as it is here — I think it's very subtle and beautifully referential.

**You had some displeasure**



▶ James Cromwell

**working on the series 24. Could you go into that a bit?**

I had never seen the show before, and I took it because my agent said it was important to do, that it would be a good thing. They paid me a lot of money to do it. And then I've taken my son captive and I'm torturing him, then I was going to take my

grandson captive and threaten him. So I went to the producers and I said, 'Look, are there any redeeming qualities to this character?' They looked at me as though I was nuts, I was asking something bizarre ... It could've been a great contribution, but they didn't have the imagination for that.



# The Shore gets another scent

► JWOWW is latest celeb to release signature fragrance ► 'Sexy perfume' reeks of classy rebranding and 'inspired by days and nights down the shore'

## THE WORD

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Not to be outdone by fellow Jersey Shore cast-member Snooki releasing her own perfume, busty reality star JWOWW is releasing her own signature fragrance, too.

The perfume, also called JWOWW, comes out just in time for the holiday season, retailing at such choice outlets as Kmart, Amazon.com and JWOWWPerfume.com.

According to the press release, JWOWW is a "sexy perfume inspired by days and nights down the shore" (note the New Jersey colloquialism "down the shore," which means "at the beach").

Just in case we can fool ourselves into thinking this scent wasn't created by a

bunch of Chinese child labourers mixing together a bunch of synthetic compounds into something resembling "sweet," there's even a hilarious run down of the "notes" in the \$29.99 bottle:

**Top notes:** Anjou pear, sparkling citron, fresh air  
**Middle notes:** Rose petals, geranium blossom, sheer muguet

**Bottom notes:** Sandalwood, deep musk, white moss

A tiny gold JWOWW charm adorns the sleek bottle, which was also created by JWOWW here.

This is some seriously classy rebranding from JWOWW here.

I love that "fresh air" is included as one of the predominant "notes," in place of, say, "vomit after a night of Red Bull, 2 a.m. chicken wings, and half a case of Miller Lite," which is what I think of when we think of smells "inspired by days and nights down the shore."



► Jenni "JWOWW" Farley attends the MTV Europe Music Awards 2011 last month in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

## Rosie's engaged

Rosie O'Donnell and new girlfriend Michelle Rounds' whirlwind romance just picked up speed, as O'Donnell announced on her talk show that the pair are engaged and will be tying the knot over Christmas, according to Hollyscoop.

According to friends, the couple is "very, very happy."

Not so happy? Rounds' parents, who claim they only recently learned their 40-year-old daughter is a lesbian.

"This has been a painful experience for me and my wife," Roger Rounds said previously.

"We'd always held out



► Rosie O'Donnell

hope that Michelle would eventually find a nice guy to marry, settle down and have kids.

And now this — it's pretty shocking stuff for us to digest."

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## Daddy Aniston likes Theroux

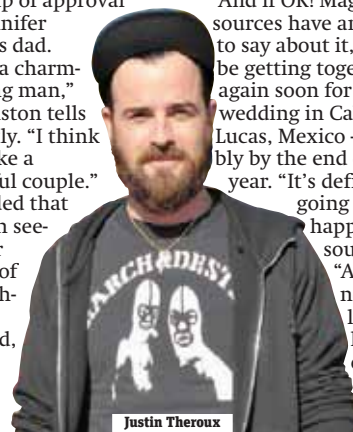
Justin Theroux has gotten the stamp of approval from Jennifer Aniston's dad.

"He's a charming young man," John Aniston tells Us Weekly. "I think they make a wonderful couple."

John added that he's been seeing a fair amount of his daughter's boyfriend, as they "get together whenever we can."

And if OK! Magazine's sources have anything to say about it, they'll be getting together again soon for a wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico — possibly by the end of the year. "It's definitely going to happen," a source says.

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# First Tango in Buenos Aires



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I've been in Buenos Aires for less than an hour and already I'm feeling the bizarre atmosphere of addiction and romance that's at the heart of the world of tango.

"It used to be just Ar-

gentines who danced tango," my taxi driver is enthusing. "Now people come from Australia, Canada, Europe... even Korea and Japan."

Tango attracts particularly dedicated — not to say fanatical — followers and for millions of people the Argentine capital has become the ultimate place of pilgrimage.

Private tango tuition rather than group classes is considered a must, so I'm partnered with fellow tango-virgin, Turkish TV presenter Asli Pelit, for my first foray into the dance. We take our first tentative baby steps as tangueros on Susana Mirosnik's little terrace as steaks sizzle on the parilla (barbecue), which will be a welcome reward for our efforts.

Susana has been danc-

ing tango for more than 20 years and is one of the most well-known faces in the tango scene here. "You must learn to walk before you can dance," she says as she shows us how to move. "A graceful walk is the very basics of the dance."

We move in carefully measured circles around the terrace and begin to grasp the meditative aspect that aficionados claim is the essence of the tango experience.

Some come to Buenos Aires to watch spectacular tango exhibitions or to spend a fortune on months of private lessons. Some dedicated pilgrims come simply to immerse themselves in the serenity of the milongas. These are traditional local dances where the purest tango can be found, and Susana guides

us to a milonga at La Nacional. Alcohol consumption is low and voices lower still. The men affect the stance of gentleman matadors and the women demure debutantes. On the dance floor any exuberant exhibitionism is frowned upon. Poise and reserve are the keys to acceptance at a traditional milonga like this.

I'm aware that elegance and matador poise are yet to establish a permanent place in my psyche, but under Susana's guidance I'm at least able to appreciate the under-stated subtleties of milonga footwork.

I might only be on my first steps to tango expertise but it feels good to be able to say that I have at least learned to really walk in Buenos Aires.

## TAKES THREE TO TANGO



### LEARN

Susana Mirosnik is arguably the best contact to set up tango lessons in Buenos Aires. Her company Su Tours can also arrange everything from tango instructions to accommodation and weeklong tours of upcountry Argentina. [sutours.blogspot.com](http://sutours.blogspot.com)



### PARTIES

Some of the most recommended milongas — traditional local tango dances — are La Nacional, El Arranque and La Ideal. Milongas cost around \$5 admission and many include an hour of tuition at the beginning. [buenosaires-milongas.com](http://buenosaires-milongas.com)



### SHOWS

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### Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups (550 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each baking powder and soda
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1 tsp (5 mL) instant espresso powder
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) cocoa nibs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) icing sugar

**3** Stir in flour mix and stir until combined. Stir in cocoa nibs and chocolate chips until combined. Roll level tablespoon (15 mL) of dough into a ball and roll into icing sugar and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until top is cracked and firm to the touch. Repeat with

remaining dough. Let cool in pan on rack. **EMILY IS A HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & CHEF (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

### Holiday prep

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► This recipe makes about four dozen cookies.

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- 1 tsp lemon simple syrup
- Candied lemon peel

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**Note:** To make candied lemon peel and simple syrup, peel 3 lemons (avoiding white pith) and thinly slice. Boil strips with 500 mL water and 2 cups sugar until lemon turns translucent. Strain lemon out and let dry on baking tray. Add little water to leftover lemon syrup if needed.

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# Holiday bonus?

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When your job security is already on shaky ground, hinting at end-of-year bonuses in front of your boss may not be the best bet.

"For some companies, the economy is still dicey. For those that will give bonuses, the amounts will be all over the place," says Michael Galey, an attorney in the Philadelphia office of Fisher & Phillips, a national firm that represents employers.

Keep in mind that a bonus is just that: a little something extra that companies provide if they can. Your padded paycheck depends on your company's financial ability.

"As owner of Between the Bread, I have held back on giving bonuses for the past two years. And unfortunately I am not planning on giving bonuses this year either," says Ricky Eisen of this year's situation at his Manhattan catering company.

"The extremely difficult economic climate has necessitated the constant weighing and shifting of



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priorities and prompts questions like, 'Do we keep all of our staff employed? Do we let some go, and give modest bonuses to the remaining employees? Do we hold onto the cash we accrued over the year? Or do we give the cash as bonuses and start the year with less operating and emer-

gency cash?'"

On the other hand, a study developed by Robert Half International polled 1,250 senior executives employed at firms that gave bonuses last year and found that of those interviewed, 30 per cent expected to give even bigger bonuses than they did last year.

# Help wanted: Digital detectives

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With more and more kinds of electronic gadgets for storing and manipulating data, experts in computer forensics need to deal with a lot more than just computers.

"Smartphones, iPads, tablets, GPS systems, game consoles, still and video cameras, the computers on cars — computer forensics techs are experts at extracting digital data so it can be used in court," explains Pamela King, director of the computer forensics program at Community College of Philadelphia.

The program, available



► What do you see?

at both the Center City and Northwest campuses, incorporates hands-on training. King says: "Students take classes in computer science and in criminal justice — and then specific computer forensics courses that bring these two fields together."

Students include peo-

ple working in IT and paralegals who want to specialize in a growing field. There are also a fair number of career-changers, including people leaving the military.

"The combination of technology and law enforcement makes the field a good fit for them," King says.

Some graduates begin working as soon as they get their associate's degree. Others go on to complete bachelor's degrees, though there are only a few four-year programs in the area — including Drexel, Chestnut Hill College and Holy Family. "It's exciting that [CCP] is one of so few schools offering this training," King says.

# BOTCH FIRING, PAY A PRICE

► Context plays key role in case of employee dismissal

## WORKPLACE LAW

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When Rashid Balogun announced that he was "out of here" and then swiftly left the Prince George offices of Deloitte & Touche after a confrontational meeting with two of his bosses, they figured that he had just resigned. But in a legal twist that can only happen in workplace law, the court decided otherwise.

Soon after his hiring, Balogun believed he deserved a significant raise. However, according to his manager, his performance did not yet warrant more money.

The issue soon blossomed into a conflict. Be-

fore a performance review, Balogun was told that there were concerns with his performance and that he would not receive a raise. This did not sit well with Balogun. According to the judge, he became so fixated on his salary that he paid little attention to concerns that were raised about his performance.

During the performance review, Balogun was asked about his future at Deloitte. He swiftly replied that he was "out of here" before leaving the meeting and the workplace. Believing that Balogun had just resigned, Deloitte sent him a formal letter, indicating that he had "quit."

After a recent trial, a judge found that Balogun had not yet resigned when he left the office. Although Balogun's statement and actions could be consistent with a resignation, Deloitte failed to consider the context. When he left work, it was at the end of the workday, and Balogun was in a

hurry to leave for the airport because he was beginning a vacation. In these circumstances, it was not clear whether Balogun was quitting, so by sending him a letter accusing him of resigning, Deloitte effectively fired him. Instead, Deloitte should have asked Balogun to confirm his alleged resignation in writing to eliminate any uncertainty. However, in my view, it was hoping he would never return. Agreeing with me, the court awarded him damages for wrongful dismissal.

Although Balogun won his case, by following these simple steps, the confusion could have been avoided: immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if you didn't intend to resign and resist taking any steps that can be construed as voluntarily withdrawing from the workplace, until you can seek legal advice. **DANIEL LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN LLP.**

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## STUDENT VOICE

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The more I want something, the less I call it work.

There is, in my experience, no reason in this day and age for you to be working at a place or doing something you don't enjoy.

The career you do want to pursue requires now, more than ever, that you create your own experience.

Too many of my friends all across Canada are struggling after graduation to find work, struggling during university to find placements that aren't voluntary for their co-op terms, and are trying to find work in the summer and being

turned down from hundreds of job postings relevant to their field of study.

As a second year engineering chemistry student at Queen's University, I'm not sure what the future holds for my career path.

Some of the graduates from my program go into consulting, some go into research and development, a few outliers become entrepreneurs — most return to school for graduate studies.

But it seems like to get a job, networking matters. The jobs that I've held have been both part-time and referred to me by people who worked there.

It is no surprise that fresh undergraduates are now competing not only among each other but also among more qualified, more experienced veterans of the job industry.

It's important to find an edge over the competition and to stand out by creating an outlet for your passion and future career. I believe we can take charge of our own future by getting involved now.

Because I think it's very important to dabble and supplement my studies with as many skills as possible, and I'm very involved in extra-curricular activities. I'm the assistant photo editor for the Queen's Journal, Canada's second oldest newspaper.

I help run an annual independently-organized TED talks event, TEDxQueensU.

Along with this, I've founded and am currently the chapter President of Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) Queen's University Chapter.

Employers need to look

past the grades and the degrees. Students should be hired based on their ability to learn, not based on what they've already learned.

Watch out for the students who are already tak-

ing on different roles and establishing relationships. The university experience is not just about your transcript, it's about the people you meet and the opportunities you have as an indi-

vidual to grow outside the classroom setting.

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### What I learned

#### Key take-aways from Asad's experience

- Don't be afraid to be non-traditional, to step outside of the classroom and learn from there.
- Your grades do matter of course, but university is also about the friends you find and the relationships that bind.
- Keep your options open, get involved early and if you can't find an opportunity, create one.



► Asad Chishti encourages employers to take note of a student's involvement in extra-curricular activities rather than simply considering their work experience.

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Ever heard of a guy called Vincent van Gogh? The famous Dutch artist who was born more than 150 years ago in the Netherlands and who became known as an innovator in the art world. If you have heard of him, did you ever wonder how it would be to follow in his footsteps and use your own creativity just as he did? The Netherlands Embassy and its network in Canada invite teachers and students to participate in the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project, which will run from February – June 2012. The project is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 16 years old. Both elementary and high schools can join.

The school project coincides with Vincent's visit to Canada in the spring of 2012: the National Gallery of Canada, located in the capital Ottawa, will host 'Van Gogh: Up Close' from May 25 – September 3 (2012). It will be the first major Canadian exhibition of works by the famous Dutch artist for more than 25 years.

#### Useful teacher's kit

Join us right now and we will send a teacher's kit including the 'See and Do Children's Book' from Ceciel de Bie and Martijn Leenen, a dvd about the life of 'Vincent van Gogh' to use in a classroom setting. The teacher's kit will be distributed on a first come first served principle, last entries no later than January 17, 2012.

#### Learn, explore and experience

- Learn together with schools in the Netherlands that are participating in this project and would like to connect with schools in Canada.

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - [www.dutchmissions.com](http://www.dutchmissions.com)

- Explore possibilities of the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project in your own class: it is not just about art per se. Van Gogh can be a history project, a biology project or even a language class.
- Experience the Netherlands and discover interesting facts about the Dutch, their country and the friendship with Canada.

Make – with your classmates and with the support of your teacher – an awesome painting of sunflowers; write a letter to Vincent; or, how about using your creativity to produce a movie, a rap, a comic, a poster, a board game or a picture? Increase your chances to win by uploading a video, a song, or a picture to the specially designed [vincentincanada](http://vincentincanada) Facebook page from the Netherlands Embassy. Students can also sign up individually, and will be organized in the appropriate age category. The Sun Flowers – age group 6 – 10; The Irises – age group 10 – 13 and The Wild Roses – age group 13 – 16.

#### Are you in?

For more information on this project, to register and to receive the kit, send an email to:

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sports

## Oilers preview

**Carolina  
at Edmonton**  
7:30 p.m.  
TV: TSN



Edmonton (13-11-3) is the next stop for the Hurricanes (8-16-4) on their Canadian road trip. A 7-6 loss in Calgary stretched Carolina's winless skid to seven. In his last five games before last night, defenceman Tomas Kaberle was a minus-8, bringing his season rating to minus-14. With only five assists, he has been the most disappointing of the Hurricanes' off-season signings. Defenceman Jamie McBain scored his first two goals of the season on Saturday after sitting two games as a healthy scratch.

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► Sam Gagner recently ended a 21-game goal scoring drought.

# Back on track?

► Skid now over, Gagner hopes early-season scoring woes are behind him

Sam Gagner and the Edmonton Oilers are hoping his first goal of the season will provide a spark that ignites an offensive flame.

Gagner snapped a 21-game goal-scoring drought dating back to last season when he scored in a 5-3 loss to Calgary at Rexall Place Saturday. It came as much relief for Gagner who has been slowed by an ankle sprain that kept him out of the first six games of the season and foiled by bad bounces and good goaltending when he returned to action.

"I'm hoping that's the way it goes," Gagner said yesterday as the Oilers, who have just one win in the first four games of a six-game homestand, prepare to face the Carolina Hurricanes tonight.

"I don't even think it's just the goal," he continued. "It seems the last six

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**Points tallied by Gagner as an 18-year-old rookie in 2007-08, a total he has yet to match. Limited by injuries to 68 games each of the last two seasons, he had 41 and 42 points.**

or seven games, I've felt a lot better and I'm playing a lot better. I knew it was going to take some time to get back to where I wanted to be after the injury. I just didn't think it was going to take that much time."

While youngsters Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall shared the spotlight and dominated the score sheet as the Oilers jumped to a surprising 8-2-2 start to the season, Gagner was either

injured or struggling to regain his confidence and find his game.

Since being moved to left wing on a line with captain Shawn Horcoff and Ales Hemsky, Gagner's showing signs of doing exactly that, even if modest offensive totals of 1-7-8 through Edmonton's first 27 games represent his slowest start in five NHL seasons.

"Since he's come on our line he's been solid," Horcoff said. "We know he's talented, and his confidence is starting to come a little bit more now."

"This is a game of confidence. I've been there before with streaks. It can become pressing on your mind and it can be tough to stay positive. I think he's handled it really well and shown a lot of maturity. He's been great in the locker-room."

With so much the attention focused on Nugent-Hopkins, who leads all rookies with 29 points, and Eberle, also among top-10 scorers with 28 points, Gagner has been somewhat lost in the shuffle. He has been spotted up and down coach Tom Renney's lineup and has played all three forward positions looking for a fit.

It's easy to forget the former London Knight, selected sixth overall in the 2007 Entry Draft, is only 22 years old and still developing.

"The good thing about Sam is that right from the beginning, he's worked hard," Renney said. "He came into camp in very good shape. Under the circumstances, with being hurt, that's not an easy thing to maintain, but he did that, too."

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## Players like NHL's plan to remake conferences

NHL players largely seem in favour of a proposed realignment plan that will require the support of their union before taking effect next season.

The major four-conference shakeup endorsed by the NHL's Board of Governors had players abuzz in dressing rooms around the league yesterday. Some were still getting a handle on what it meant and a few voiced concerns, but the overall reception was positive.

"It looks pretty fair," said Montreal Canadiens defenceman Hal Gill. "It's a little different. But it's not going to be perfect. Unfortunately, the map doesn't lend itself to perfect. You don't want to take away too many rivalries so you have to figure it out."

The aspect of the proposal that elicited the most excitement from players was a new schedule matrix that includes a game in every city around the league.

Since the lockout ended in 2005, teams in the Eastern and Western Conference haven't played each other home and away each season.

"I've played almost 100 games in the league and there are still teams I haven't played yet," said Ottawa Senators forward Zack Smith. "I think it's good to get around and see everybody and go to every city. I think fans will really enjoy it as well. They get to see a lot of the stars in the East, but this way they'll be able to see some of those guys in the West."

One area of concern is the fact that two conferences feature eight teams while the two others have seven.

That represents a significant competitive disadvantage since the same number of teams (four) will qualify for the playoffs in each conference.

"Personally, I'd like to have the same shot at making the playoffs as everybody else," said Flames winger Alex Tanguay.

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## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	28	16	8	2	2	86	69	36	8-2-2-0	8-6-0-2	5-4-1-0	L1
d-Boston	26	17	8	0	1	89	54	35	10-5-0-1	7-3-0-0	8-1-0-1	L1
d-Florida	27	15	8	1	3	78	69	34	6-2-1-3	9-6-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
NY Rangers	24	15	6	1	2	71	55	33	7-2-0-1	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Philadelphia	25	15	7	2	1	90	73	33	6-4-1-1	9-3-1-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Toronto	28	15	10	2	1	89	90	33	6-4-2-1	9-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Buffalo	26	14	11	0	1	72	69	29	6-8-0-1	8-3-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Ottawa	27	13	11	2	1	83	91	29	7-4-0-1	6-7-2-0	6-2-2-0	W3
Winnipeg	27	12	11	3	1	77	83	28	8-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	7-2-1-0	W1
Montreal	28	11	11	2	4	69	72	28	4-5-2-3	7-6-0-1	2-4-2-2	L1
Washington	26	13	12	0	1	79	84	27	9-4-0-1	4-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	L1
New Jersey	26	13	12	0	1	65	74	27	5-4-0-1	8-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	27	11	14	0	2	70	89	24	7-4-0-0	4-10-0-2	3-7-0-0	L1
NY Islanders	25	9	11	3	2	57	79	23	6-6-2-0	3-5-1-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Carolina	29	8	17	2	2	72	101	20	5-9-0-2	3-8-2-0	2-8-0-0	L7

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	27	17	7	2	1	69	60	37	10-4-1-0	7-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W4
d-Chicago	28	16	8	1	3	93	88	36	8-2-0-3	8-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	L1
d-Phoenix	27	15	9	1	2	74	67	33	7-5-1-1	8-4-0-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Detroit	26	16	9	1	0	77	59	33	10-2-1-0	6-7-0-0	7-3-0-0	L2
St. Louis	27	15	9	0	3	66	60	33	9-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	6-2-0-2	W1
Vancouver	26	15	10	0	1	83	67	31	7-4-0-1	8-6-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Dallas	26	15	10	0	1	69	72	31	9-4-0-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	26	13	9	2	2	60	58	30	8-7-0-1	5-2-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
San Jose	23	14	8	1	0	67	56	29	7-5-1-0	7-3-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Edmonton	27	13	11	0	3	76	71	29	7-4-0-2	6-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Nashville	27	12	11	3	1	70	74	28	4-5-2-1	8-6-1-0	3-6-1-0	L1
Colorado	27	13	13	1	0	75	78	27	7-9-0-0	6-4-1-0	5-5-0-0	W3
Calgary	27	12	13	1	1	67	78	26	6-5-1-1	6-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	26	7	14	2	3	60	87	19	5-9-1-0	2-5-1-3	1-7-1-1	L2
Columbus	27	8	16	0	3	65	90	19	5-7-0-1	2-9-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

#### Last night's results

New Jersey 3 Toronto 2 (OT)

Winnipeg 2 Boston 1

Calgary 7 Carolina 6

Columbus 3 Montreal 2 (SO)

St. Louis 3 Detroit 2

Phoenix 3 Nashville 2

N.Y. Islanders 5 Tampa Bay 1

Colorado at Vancouver

Los Angeles at Anaheim

Minnesota at San Jose

#### Monday's results

Toronto 4 N.Y. Rangers 2

Ottawa 4 Tampa Bay 2

Boston 3 Pittsburgh 1

Florida 5 Washington 4

Phoenix 4 Chicago 3 (SO)

#### Tonight's games

#### All times Eastern

Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Carolina at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

#### Tomorrow's games

Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

### BLUE JACKETS 3, HABS 2 (SO)

#### First Period

1. Columbus, Prospal 7 (Johnson) 2:03

2. Montreal, Kostitsyn 8 (Cammalleri) 19:58

**Penalty** — Gorges Mtl (tripping) 16:00.

#### Second Period

3. Columbus, Umberger 4 (Nikitin, Pahlsson) 11:14

**Penalties** — Huselius Clb (tripping) 2:12, Diaz

Mtl (hooking) 5:09, Boll Clb (charging) 8:10,

Dorsett Clb (tripping) 15:28, Gorges Mtl

(hooking) 19:14.

#### Third Period

4. Montreal, Gionta 8 (Plekane, Emelin) 18:39

**Penalties** — None.

#### Overtime

No Scoring.

**Penalties** — None.

#### Shootout

Columbus wins 1-0

Montreal (O) — Desharnais, miss; Pacioretty,

miss; Gionta, miss; Columbus (1) — Johansen,

miss; Nash, goal.

#### Shots on goal

Columbus 10 8 8 2 —28

Montreal 7 4 8 1 —20

**Goal** — Columbus: Sanford (W,5-3-2). Montre-

al: Price (SOL,10-8-6).

**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 0-4

Montreal: 0-2.

**Referees** — David Banfield, Dave Jackson.

**Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Andy McElman.

**Attendance** — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

### DEVILS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2 (OT)

#### First Period

1. New Jersey, Kovalcuk 7 (Sykora, Henrique) 5:03 (pp)

2. New Jersey, Clarkson 8 (Parise, Elias) 8:59 (pp)

**Penalties** — Liles Tor (high-sticking) 3:09, Connolly

Tor (slashing) 8:07, Liles Tor (interference) 19:51.

#### Second Period

3. Toronto, Kessel 17 (Lupul, Schenn) 11:29

**Penalties** — Sykora NJ (hooking) 2:09,

Kulemin Tor (holding) 14:18.

#### Third Period

4. Toronto, Frattin 3 (Grabovski, Franson) 1:56

**Penalty** — Elias NJ (slashing) 17:44.

#### Overtime

5. New Jersey, Clarkson 9 (Zubrus) 2:40

**Penalties** — None.

#### Shots on goal

New Jersey 11 5 9 1 —26

Toronto 4 16 10 1 —31

**Goal** — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,6-7-0); Toron-

to: Reimer (L,4-1-2). **Power plays (goals-**

**chances)** — New Jersey: 2-4; Toronto: 0-2.

**Attendance** — 19,513 (18,819) at Toronto.

## JETS 2, BRUINS 1

#### First Period

1. Winnipeg, Ladd 9 (Oduya, Pavelec) 18:22

**Penalty** — Slater Wpg (slashing) 3:40.

#### Second Period

**Penalties** — Kingsberg Wpg (holding) 3:17,

Stapleton Wpg (hooking) 13:41, Bergeron Bos

(hooking) 15:45, Krejci Bos (slashing) 18:16.

#### Third Period

2. Boston, Thornton 2 (Paille, Campbell) 3:16

3. Winnipeg, Little 8, 4:50

**Penalties** — Krejci Bos, Bogosian Wpg (rough-

ing) 4:44, Pouliot Bos (tripping) 9:17.

#### Shots on goal

Boston 10 17 13 —40

Winnipeg 11 10 14 —35

**Goal** — Boston: Rask (L,4-4-1); Winnipeg: Pav-

e-lec (W,10-9-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)**

— Boston: 0-3; Winnipeg: 0-3.

**Attendance** — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

## FLAMES 7, HURRICANES 6

#### First Period

1. Calgary, Iginla 8 (Jokinen, Morrison) 3:07

2. Calgary, Stempniak 7 (Comeau,

Bouwmeester) 18:51.

**Penalties** — Backlund Cal (holding) 3:44,

Piskula Cal (tripping) 8:35, Gleason Car (inter-

ference) 11:18.

#### Second Period

3. Calgary, Morrison 2 (Jokinen) 0:42

4. Carolina, Tlusty 6, 5:39 (penalty shot)

5. Carolina, Brent 3 (Staal, Kaberle) 13:16

6. Calgary, Bourque 14:06

**Penalty** — Horak Cal (goaltender interference) 15:11.

#### Third Period

7. Calgary, Morrison 3 (Iginla, Brodie) 1:22

8. Carolina, McBain 3, 6:41

9. Calgary, Backlund 2 (Stempniak, Tanguay)

10:57 (pp)

10. Carolina, Staal 6, 13:42

11. Calgary, Iginla 9 (Morrison, Hannan) 18:51 (en)

12. Carolina, Laroze 7 (Brent, Ponikarovsky) 19:28

13. Carolina, Staal 7 (McBain, Kaberle) 19:55

**Penalty** — Jokinen Car (tripping) 9:40.

#### Shots on goal

Carolina 9 12 13 —34

Calgary 14 11 10 —35

**Goal** (shots-saves) — Carolina: Ward (L-13-

3)(32-26), Murphy (10:57 third; 1-1); Calgary:

Kiprusoff (W,12-9-1). **Power plays (goals-**

**chances)** — Carolina: 0-4; Calgary: 1-2.

**Attendance** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

## NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152	238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268	195
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175	240

WEST						
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287	289
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268

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## Engine

The base 328i sedan's previous 230-horsepower inline six-cylinder has been replaced by a 240-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder.

The powerplant, which is also showing up in other BMW products, including the larger 5 Series and Z4 roadster, makes 260 pound-feet of torque and can propel the 3 Series sedan to 100 km/h in about six seconds, which is just a touch longer than the 335i's time. That model retains its 300-horsepower six-cylinder turbocharged engine.

## Dynamics Control

Standard on all models is a Driving Dynamics Control with four different settings, according to how vigorously you wish to pilot your Bimmer. The most fuel-efficient setting is the ECO PRO mode that, when activated, cuts the horsepower to save fuel (as much as 20 per cent, according to BMW). In ECO PRO, a special instrument-panel display indicates how far the 3's range has been extended.

## Fuel efficiency

An electric air conditioning compressor functions on a demand-only basis and a new feature shuts off the engine when you're stopped at intersections, red lights and other gridlock-related pauses, then instantly fires it up again when it's time to roll.

To offset the added power needs, the 3 Series features Brake Energy Regeneration. This system converts the kinetic energy produced when coasting or braking into electrical energy, which is then fed to the battery.



► Trust BMW to find a way to deal with restrictions while still providing a better car. But can the 3 Series please everyone?

# BMW's franchise player hopes to remain a leader



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Arriving in early 2012, the car that's literally "The Franchise" for BMW seems headed in an entirely new direction.

If nothing else, the 3 Series has kept up with the

times, which call for significant improvements in fuel economy as well as a tread-lightly footprint that reaffirms and enhances BMW's environmental awareness.

At the same time, BMW must maintain the passion and performance that has helped its star performer

maintain its top-rung status.

The 2012 3 Series walks the walk in fine style.

The sleeker-looking sedan is nearly nine centimetres longer and about five centimetres wider overall.

The changes to the car's basic shape mean a low-

slung appearance, especially the front end that's more aerodynamic than the 2011 version.

But important for those who appreciate unrestricted views of the passing scenery, the 3 Series maintains its sensible low-waist, tall-window design along with thin roof and

door pillars.

In an ever-changing environment — business and otherwise — the BMW 3 Series has adapted while still giving drivers precisely what they expect: a car that keeps up with times and continues as a technology, performance and fashion leader.

# 5 drive

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# Kicking off Canada's motorcycle show season

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What can you do if you're a motorcycle enthusiast, but the weather's colder and bleaker than the heart of a Wall Street CEO? Head to a motorcycle show.

Curiously, you can also head to a motorcycle show, if you're a beef jerky enthusiast. I don't know why beef jerky vendors always set up at the edges of any motorcycle show floor, but they do, and God bless them and their dedication to the meat arts.

This winter's motorcycle/jerky show season starts this weekend in Toronto. The action will take place in the South Building of the Metro Convention Centre, from Friday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 11.

This is the show run by the manufacturers, via its Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council (MMIC). After Toronto, the MMIC show makes stops in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Quebec, Moncton and Montreal.

Avid motorcycle types know that Toronto hosts two major motorcycle shows.

The other one happens



► The Norton Commando 961 Cafe Racer is one of the bikes you should check out at a Motorcycle show this winter.

after the New Year, bills itself as the Supershow, and takes over the International Centre by the airport. No sense arguing over which one rules, let's just revel in the fact that we have two high quality cyclefests to check out when it's too chilly to ride.

Topping the list of bikes I want to check out at this weekend's show is Norton's addition to their Commando 961 line up — the Cafe Racer. Not quite as pretty as the original, but pretty darn

close.

Retro is big business these days, but especially in the motorcycle industry, where the average buyer is in their mid-forties!

Where are the younger riders?

I put that question to Neil Graham, editor of Cycle Canada. While he is not sure where they are, or how big a group they currently comprise in the marketplace, he is "encouraged" at least by the industry's efforts to reach out to them.

He cites all the new small, entry-level bikes currently in the marketplace. Bikes like Honda's CBR125R and CBR250R, Kawasaki's Ninja 250R and Ninja 400R, and the just released Suzuki TU250.

Women buyers are also still scarce on the ground. But Graham believes the number, however small, is at least trending up. No surprise then that the MMIC show in Toronto is "young rider" and "female rider" friendly. She Rides Night

(on Friday evening) will be a celebration of women who ride or who are considering taking up the sport.

And the Yamaha Riding Academy will be on site, to give 6-12 year olds a spin on a Yamaha TT-R off-road motorcycle, and to teach the older-folk (16 and up) how to ride a scooter. (Yamaha will also give away a motorcycle or ATV to the lucky winner of a show floor draw.) But rest assured there are plenty of testosterone-friendly events and

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#### MMIC Motorcycle Show Schedule

- **Toronto** Dec. 9-11, 2011, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.
- **Calgary** Jan. 6-8, 2012, BMO Centre Stampede Park.
- **Edmonton** Jan. 13-15, Expo Centre, Northlands.
- **Vancouver** Jan. 19-22, Tradex Exhibition Centre, Abbotsford.
- **Quebec City** Feb. 3-5, Centre de foires de Quebec (site ExpoCite).
- **Moncton** Feb 10-12, Moncton Coliseum Complex.
- **Montreal** Feb 24-26, Palais des congres de Montreal.

bikes too.

Harley-Davidson will role out its heavy metal thunder, and also present an autograph session with UFC fighters Jake Shields and Brendan Schaub, and "Octagon Girl" Brittney Palmer. BMW will show off the S1000RR superbike and its new line of super scooters — the C600 Sport, and the C650T.

Honda will bring its new NC700 parallel twin, and the beautiful MV Augusta F3 675 will make its first Canadian appearance at the show.

Those are just a few of the cool bikes that make the show scene this weekend. According to MMIC there will be over 140 exhibitors. So surely something for everybody then, whatever your budget, desires, or meat eating tendencies.

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When you give an amount of horsepower less weight to move, things get better — and the Porsche Cayman R is proof on wheels. A track-ready, lightweight variant of the Porsche Cayman S, the Cayman R has been subjected to numerous weight-saving modifications to enhance

its performance and efficiency.

It might look like the love child of Kermit the Frog and a Hot Wheels toy, but underneath the tester's violently green paint, engineers used lightweight doors, wheels and even a lightweight battery to trim things down.

Add in the special graphics package and hopelessly sexy body, and you've got a machine that gathers crowds wherever it goes.

You get a sense of the Cayman R's lightweight, stripped-down ideology inside, too. There are no frills

or techy gadgets.

Grippy, rigid carbon fibre racing seats are minimalist, and perhaps the best signal that drivers are boarding something serious every time they finagle their way into them. The red seatbelts and red fabric tug straps, which replace the door handles, add to the hardcore factor.

Cayman R is comfortably snug and not big on at-hand storage. You literally wear it.

Thankfully, there are trunks both up front and in the rear.

The engine sits in the

middle, just behind the seats. It's a specially-tuned 3.4-litre flat six, modified slightly for Cayman R duty with 330 horsepower and a 7,600 RPM redline.

It's a typical screaming, non-turbocharged Porsche boxer mill that performs best when wound out, and of course, it makes sound effects that'll make you happy to have ears.

A six-speed manual is standard, though the tester got the optional 7-speed PDK Dual Clutch transmission. Drivers can summon lightning-fast gear changes with the steering-wheel

### Cayman R

- ▶ **Drivetrain:** Mid-engine, rear-wheel drive.
- ▶ **Engine (hp):** 3.4L DOHC flat six, 330 horsepower.
- ▶ **Transmission:** Seven-speed PDK dual-clutch with shift paddles.
- ▶ **Price as Tested:** \$86,000.

mounted shift paddles, or leave it in "DRIVE" for operation like a normal automatic.

On the track, the Cayman R dances around corners with a planted and sticky rear end, a light, eager and lively front end, and instant, razor-sharp

steering. Nothing with an engine between its front wheels steers like this.

It all feels forgiving, athletic and wildly fun regardless of your skill level.

The instant gear changes, heaps of cornering grip and massive brakes all add to the experience. Ditto the engine sounds.

As with all Porsches, you're paying a premium for all of the track-ready engineering. The modestly-equipped tester came in around \$86,000, and since it's got an often-harsh ride, rock-solid seats and limited creature comforts, it's not something you'd probably drive every day.

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# Outback looks like a sensible used CUV

## SECOND GEAR



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The Outback is Subaru's shot at vehicles like the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

With its update for 2010, the 2005 to 2009 generation of this popular crossover is now a full member of the used marketplace.

A car-like and wagon-oriented vehicle, it offered up the utility of a station wagon, the ground-clearance of a small SUV and the driving dynamics of a sedan.

### 2005 to 2009 Subaru Outback



#### Engines

Outback was standard with a 2.5-litre boxer four-cylinder or turbocharged version thereof, with 170 or 250 horsepower, respectively. A three-litre flat-six with 250 horsepower was also available. All-wheel drive was standard on all models.



#### What owners like

Outback drivers say they enjoy good fuel economy, steady and sure-footed traction in all conditions, a high-utility cabin and good ride quality. Headroom and outward visibility are also highly rated.



#### What owners dislike

Complaints deal with sluggish performance on four-cylinder, automatic-equipped models, as well as a tight rear seat, a "cheap" interior feel, and soft handling.



#### Common issues

If applicable, have the turbocharger system checked for signs of wear, ensuring the vehicle doesn't smoke and hasn't got excessive oil deposits in the charge piping — which could reference worn-out turbo seals. A Subaru mechanic can help here. On any Outback model, check the differentials and transaxle assembly for signs of oily leakage. A check-engine light, possibly accompanied by improperly functioning cruise control, could be caused by a bad engine control sensor.

#### Verdict

Outback appears to be a largely reliable and well-enjoyed vehicle for families, active couples and busy single folks alike. A well-maintained model should provide reliable, year-round performance.

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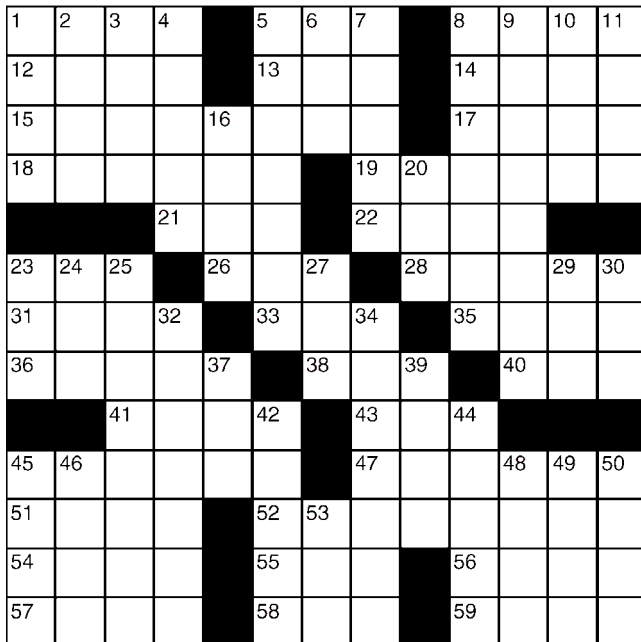
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### Across

1 Houston acronym  
5 Sternward  
8 Streetcar  
12 Winged  
13 — goo gai pan  
14 Like a moray  
15 End of an illness  
17 Performances  
18 Sycophants  
19 Implant  
21 Help  
22 Entrance  
23 Melody  
26 Allow  
28 Wild West show  
31 "Star —"  
33 Flop  
35 Ginormous  
36 Unspoken  
38 Wager  
40 Decay  
41 Rhyming tributes  
43 Airport overseer (Abbr.)  
45 Move up and down  
47 Busy  
51 Gumbo need  
52 Flinched  
54 Nasty stinger  
55 Cistern  
56 Journalist Lisa  
57 Caustic chemicals  
58 Acapulco gold  
59 London gallery name

### Down

1 — a soul (nobody)  
2 Sheltered  
3 Pouches  
4 Scent



5 Rewrote the Constitution  
6 Supportive of  
7 Monkeyed (with)  
8 Quaint restaurant  
9 Flute's cousin  
10 Sax range  
11 1990s video game  
16 Bride's cover  
20 Neither partner  
23 Lawyer (Abbr.)  
24 Playwright Levin  
25 Source of help  
27 Bathroom fixture  
29 Id counterpart  
30 Morsel for Dobbin

32 Abducts  
34 Actually  
37 Sleuth, for short  
39 Mexican entree  
42 Electronic control system, briefly  
44 At an angle  
45 Cheek by —  
46 Fine  
48 Hip bones  
49 Outlet  
50 Advantage  
53 Listener

### ► Yesterday's answer



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## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 Your critics can complain all they want, but there's no stopping you from following your dream.

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 If you stop worrying for a moment and analyze your financial situation, you'll realize it could be worse.

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 A partner will say something that'll show you there's a lot about him or her you still don't understand.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 Spread the load today — get others to help you. They will, if you ask them nicely.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 You don't lack confidence but common sense is just as important, so think carefully before you take a big risk.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Minor disagreements could easily get out of hand over the next 24 hours. Don't rise to the bait.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may be tempted to blame someone else when something goes wrong today. Instead, admit it's your fault.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Watch out that you don't waste money on trendy things you don't need today. Set your own trends.

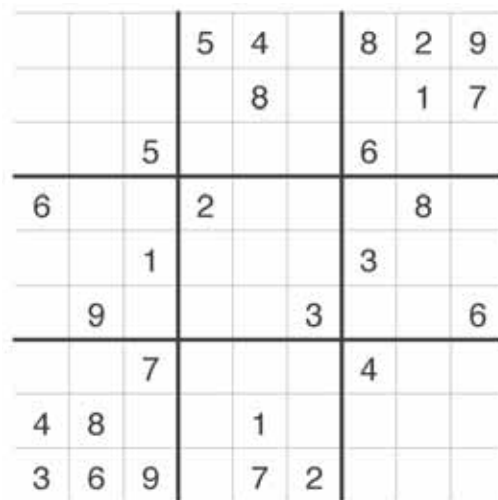
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**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you're fearful, it won't be until the Sun moves into your sign in a fortnight that you'll feel better.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll have to be blunt with people who are unaware that you don't want to be bothered with trivia.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Whatever the upset or upheaval today, take it in stride. Don't let it faze you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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## How to play

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### Yesterday's answer ►



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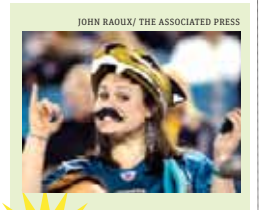
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